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SUBJ: YARA PROBLEMS WITH REFORMISTS

SUMMARY: YARA ENCOUNTERING INCREASING DIFFICULTY WITH HIS REFORMIST SUPPORTERS BECAUSE OF INHERENT CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN HIS ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES AND THEIR IDEOLOGICAL POSITIONS AND BECAUSE OF EMERGING INTER- PARTY COMPETITION. END SUMMARY.

1. PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF PREFECTURAL ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT ARE BRINGING YARA INTO INCREASING CONFLICT WITH REFORMIST BACKERS. DEBATE OVER PLANNED YARA LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH NORTHERN AREAS DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC CORPORATION PROVIDES MOST RECENT EXAMPLE. PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT ( OPG ) ATTACHES HIGH PRIORITY TO CORPORATION, AIM OF WHICH IS TO PROVIDE CAPITAL AND DIRECTION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NORTHERN OKINAWA TOURIST AND TOURIST RELATED FACILITIES. REFORMIST PARTIES STRONGLY OPPOSE PROPOSAL THAT SIXTY PERCENT CORPORATION CAPITAL COME FROM MAINLAND ENTERPRISES AND ARE THREATENING TO BLOCK MEASURE WHEN INTRODUCED IN ASSEMBLY. PERSONAL CRITICISM OF YARA FOR SUPPORTING PROPOSAL HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY SHARP WITH OPP GENERALLY TAKING LEAD, AND WITH ONLY OSMP HOLDING BACK.

2. OTHER RECENT ISSUES ON WHICH YARA DIFFERED WITH REFORMIST PARTIES INCLUDE (1) OPG SUPPORT FOR SELF DEFENSE TEAM PARTICIPATION IN MAY SPECIAL ATHLETIC EVENT (2) OPG AGREEMENT RE JOINT USE OF YOMITAN EOD RANGE BY JSDF WHICH NEEDS RANGE FOR DUD DISPOSAL AND

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4. IN ADDITION NATURAL CONFLICT BETWEEN OPG ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY AND PARTY IDEOLOGICAL PROPOSITIONS, YARA'S PROBLEMS WITH REFORMISTS ALSO APPEAR TO RESULT FROM GROWING EMERGENCE OF COMPETITION AS PARTIES JOCKEY FOR LOCAL POWER WITHIN NATIONAL POLITICAL FRAMEWORK. RECENT MEETING OF JOINT STRUGGLE COUNCIL ( REFORMIST COALITION GROUP WHICH HAS BACKED YARA SINCE 1968) BROKE UP WITH SOCIALIST CHARGING BITTERLY THAT OPP ATTEMPTING TO DOMINATE COALITION. FACT THAT MEETING WAS TO HAVE CONSIDERED JOINT TACTICS FOR FIGHTING ELECTION REFORM LAW ILLUSTRATES DEPTH OF DIVISION. INTER- PARTY COMPETITION CERTAIN TO GROW WITH APPROACH OF IMPORTANT LOCAL ELECTIONS THIS SUMMER AND WILL PROBABLY CAUSE YARA ADMINISTRATION INCREASING DIFFICULTY.

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